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Grand Rapids, Michigan – February 9, 2007 – United States Attorney Margaret M. Chiara announced that Randolph Scott Parks, age 26, of Grand Rapids, Michigan was sentenced today to 18 years in prison to be followed by a 5-year period of supervised release. The Honorable Robert Holmes Bell, Chief United States District Judge, presided over the sentencing hearing.

Mr. Parks pled guilty on November 2, 2006 to possessing with intent to distribute more than fifty (50) grams of cocaine base (“crack cocaine”), in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1); and being a convicted felon in possession of five firearms, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g). Mr. Parks was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 27, 2006 following the execution of a search warrant at his apartment home in Grand Rapids, where officers recovered more than 54 grams of cocaine base (“crack cocaine”), five firearms, including a sawed-off shotgun, and more than \$5,400 in U.S. currency.

Ms. Chiara commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Grand Rapids Police Department for their work on the case. Their joint investigation was undertaken as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative. This case was prosecuted on behalf of the United States of America by Assistant United States Attorney Elisa Castrolugo.

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